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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing. Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(I) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
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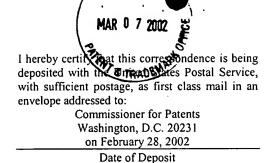
Transmitted herewith is <u>Transmittal Letter (in duplicate)</u> , <u>Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application</u> <u>Filing Date Granted</u> , <u>Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application Filing Date Granted (in duplicate)</u> ,										
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Settlement Processing Method and Settlement **Processing System**

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION FILING DATE GRANTED

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Attn.: Box Missing Parts

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Filing Date Granted mailed February 6, 2002, a copy of which is attached, enclosed herewith for filing are the following documents:

X Fully executed Declaration for Patent Application and Power of Attorney for the above-referenced patent application.

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